



State of California
The Resources Agency
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Rancho Capistrano Hazardous Fuel Treatment		
PROJECT LOCATION	South of Lake Elsinor N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25; T6S R5W SBB&M and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36; T6S R5W SBB&M	COUNTY	Riverside Co.
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The intent of this project is to reduce the threat of wildfire to the community of Rancho Capistrano and to increase firefighter safety while minimizing potential environmental damage resulting from suppression activities should a wildfire occur. An unusually high fuel load exists in the Community of Rancho Capistrano due to snow breakage. CALFIRE plans to assist the community to reduce these fuels using Hazardous Fuel Treatment grant funds. The community has established four staging areas on vacant lots within the subdivision used as collection sites for residents to consolidate the downed slash and brush. CALFIRE will assist the community by having the material loaded onto trucks then hauled to a commercial grinding facility or be chipped on site. Equipment may be used in some areas to assist in the loading of material for transport. The majority of the material will be hauled off by a contractor, and the remaining accumulations will be chipped by CALFIRE hand crews.

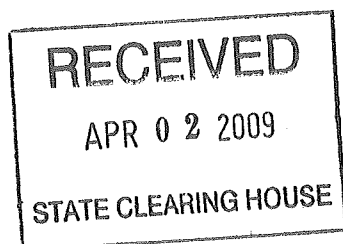
EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class § Section 15308 Class 8; Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This action is in compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 Class 8, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment. Operations will result in little if any ground disturbance, will not negatively impact the beneficial uses of water or riparian function, or cause harm to any listed species.

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